

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Sarah Fuller, October 5, 1894

5?? Beinn Bhreagh Victoria County, Cape Breton, N.S. October 5th. 1894. Dear Miss Fuller;—

I return copy of petition of Harry White and Harry Babbitt you were kind enough to make for me. I have had typewritten copies made and sent to Mr. Hubbard, Mr. Crouter and Miss Yale. Hope you will keep me advised of all that goes on.

If you want me to go down to the hearing telegraph me at Baddeck, and I shall do so. My judgment however would be to make a great public occasion of your 25th. Anniversary, and not make the hearing of too much importance. Your anniversary exercises would give the opportunity of replaying indirectly, but in a most public manner, to any points raised at the hearing

We know enough of Harry White to be quite sure that if he is not backed up by the personal presence of our Washington friend he may be trusted,—if given rope enough — to do for himself as he should be done by! Let him alone — give him rope enough — and be careful to have an accurate account of what he says.

I would suggest the importance of your employing a stenographer for yourself, or at least securing a copy of the stenographer's report if the Board employs one. If you employ a stenographer I shall be glad to pay the expenses for you; and would recommend that he typewrite his report in triplicate, so that you could supply me with a copy, keep one for yourself, and have a third copy to submit to any one you may desire to consult.

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If you want me to be present at the hearing October 23rd. 2 telegraph me to Baddeck not later than Thursday October 18th., for I shall have to leave here on Friday the 18th.. in order to get to Boston in time.

Yours very sincerely, Alexander Graham Bell P.S. You know my views concerning small schools and plenty of them — on different plans — in competition with one another. While I would oppose any change in the Horace Mann School that is not approved by the Principal of that School; I would not oppose the establishment of other schools — upon any plan — anywhere. I don't wish it ever to be said of me that I have opposed the establishment of any school s for the deaf. Perhaps it might be well for you to consider this as strictly confidential. AGB